

**County Executive
Of
Howard County, Maryland**

**Executive Order: 2022-13
Date: November 29, 2022
Subject: Spending Affordability
Advisory Committee**

WHEREAS, the County Executive wants to ensure Howard County's excellent fiscal condition despite challenging economic conditions; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive wishes to have guidance from the residents of Howard County in reviewing revenue, operating, and capital budgets; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive wishes to assure that the county appropriately manages debt and desires to maintain its current excellent bond rating; and

WHEREAS, the county expenditures for the operating and capital budgets must be managed so that the level of county spending is considered with the revenue growth of the county; and

WHEREAS, the county is faced with long-term educational, safety, environmental, transportation, health and human services and employee benefit responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the management of spending shall be exercised through the budgetary process as well as through program review; and

WHEREAS, the budget proposals on spending affect the next fiscal year, and future fiscal years; and

WHEREAS, the county is facing continued demands for additional necessary infrastructure and mandated services, putting pressure on the operating budget and the county's debt capacity

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED that a Spending Affordability Advisory Committee is established. The duties and responsibilities of the committee shall be to produce a report as follows:

1. Review in detail the status and projections of revenues and expenditures for the county, not only for fiscal year 2023, but also for fiscal years 2024 through 2028.
2. Evaluate future county revenue levels and consider the impact of economic indicators such as changes in personal income, assessable base growth, and other data which the committee considers applicable.

3. Evaluate expenditure levels with consideration of the long-term obligations facing the county, and the best way to pay for them.
4. Evaluate potential long-term fiscal impact of the draft “HoCo By Design” (Howard County’s General Plan Update), including reviewing the preliminary fiscal impact analysis prepared by staff.

The committee shall present to the County Executive, on or before January 31, 2023, a report evaluating the assumptions and methodology of the fiscal model supporting the draft “HoCo By Design,” the general plan update that will set forth a long-term vision for the County’s development and growth over the next 20 years.

The committee shall present to the County Executive, on or before March 1, 2023, a report including:

- a. Projected General Fund revenues for the upcoming fiscal year
- b. Recommended new county debt (General Obligation bonds) authorization
- c. An analysis of the long-term fiscal outlook including multi-year projections
- d. Other findings and/or recommendations that the committee deems appropriate

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that the Spending Affordability Advisory Committee shall consist of the following citizens and representatives of major organizations:

Voting Members

Todd Arterburn
Lakey Boyd, Columbia Association
Richard Clinch, Ph.D.
Howie Feaga, Farm Bureau
Ellen Flynn Giles
Khaleda Hasan, Ph.D.
John C. Hendrickson
Steve Hunt
Daraius Irani, Ph.D.
Jimmie Jennings, Howard County
Association of Realtors
Barbara K. Lawson
Leonardo McClarty, Howard County
Chamber of Commerce
Steve Poynot (Committee Vice Chair)
Joshua Tzucker

Non-Voting Members

Tonya Aikens, Howard County Library
System
Christopher Heston, Howard Community
College
Jolene Mosley, Howard County Board of
Education
Jahantab Siddiqui, Howard County Public
School System
Valerie Traore, Association of Community
Services Howard County

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that:

Holly Sun, Ph.D., Budget Administrator

shall serve as the Committee’s Chair, and that the following county staff members will serve as advisors to the Committee:

Angela Cabellon, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Craig Glendenning, Howard County Auditor
Rafiu Ighile, Director, Department of Finance
Patrick Pope, Internal Auditor
Lonnie R. Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer
Larry Twele, Howard County Economic Development Authority

IN WITNESS, WHEREOF, I, Calvin Ball, as County Executive of Howard County, Maryland have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Howard County to be affixed this twenty-eighth day of November 29, 2022.



Calvin Ball
County Executive

